## OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR

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 SUBJECT:
 SB 2929

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SB 2929 amends Section 49-23-9 to revise the size restrictions for billboards or other outdoor advertising signs. SB 2929 provides that the maximum size of signs erected prior to January 1, 2002, will be 1,200 square feet and provides that the maximum size of signs erected after January 1, 2002, will be 672 square feet with a maximum height of 14 feet and a maximum length of 48 feet.

SB 2929 also provides that signs erected after January 1, 2002, may have 1 or 2 signs per face and may use only a side-by-side, back-to-back or V-type configuration. If 2 signs are used facing the same direction, the aggregate total area may not exceed the 672 square feet limit.

Both the Senate and the House Transportation Committee passed SB 2929 with language requiring structures erected after July 1, 2002, to be mounted only upon a single steel pole or structure. The House amended SB 2929 and deleted this language.

It was stated in the House Transportation Committee that the purpose of this bill is to maintain signs that are ecologically correct. I did not observe any major opposition to this bill.

SB 2929 is effective January 1, 2002.